



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG-AK Policy on Environmental Management Systems (AK-GC Policy #01-02)

1. The U.S. Army Garrison Alaska (USAG-AK) is firmly committed to a policy of environmental stewardship for all lands under its control. This requires that our endeavors be organized, focused, and efficient with means and goals firmly established. USAG-AK is also committed to the development and implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS) in accordance with Executive Order 13148, "Greening of Government Through Excellence in Environmental Management" Army Policy Memorandum 13 Jul 01; DOD Policy Memorandum 5 April 02; and IMA Policy Memorandum 4 Aug 03.
2. EMS is a continual cycle of planning, implementing, reviewing and improving the actions our organization takes to meet its environmental obligations. In order for the EMS to be an effective management tool for USAG-AK, the process must integrate environmental management with overall mission management processes to enhance mission performance. Implementation of an EMS is required no later than (NLT) 31 Dec 05.
3. To meet the Dec 05 implementation requirements, we must complete the following elements by the indicated dates:
 - a. Policy Statement NLT 30 Sep 2003
 - b. Self Assessment NLT 30 March 2004
 - c. Implementation Plan NLT 30 Sep 2004
 - d. List of Environmental Aspects NLT 30 Mar 2005
 - e. Installation Personnel Training NLT 30 Mar 2005
 - f. Management Review NLT 31 Dec 2005

Public Works is the lead organization in this effort. Our required policy is attached and is based on pollution prevention, conservation, compliance and restoration. Unit Commanders, Directors, Civilian Employees and Contract Employees must take an active role in ensuring we fulfill the commitments outlined in this policy.

4. As referenced in the policy, restoration involves the control and cleanup of lands damaged by past military activities. USAG-AK cleanups often require "Institutional Controls" which limit the use of and manage access to these sites. Enforceable by the US Environmental Protection and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Institutional Controls include

USAG-AK Environmental Management Systems

The U.S. Army Garrison - Alaska (USAG-AK) is firmly committed to a policy of environmental stewardship for all lands under USAG-AK control. Our policy is based on four areas:

- ***prevention of pollution*** and minimization of damage to the environment;
- ***conservation*** of natural resources;
- ***compliance*** with all applicable environmental laws and regulations; and
- ***restoration*** of lands damaged by past military activities.

All USAG-AK civilian and military personnel have important roles in ensuring that these policy goals are achieved. To fulfill these commitments and responsibilities, the following guiding principles have been established:

- USAG-AK will develop, implement, and maintain an effective environmental management system (USARAK regulation 200-1) that reflects Army environmental policy, is consistent with ISO 14001 international environmental management system standard, and fully integrates environmental considerations into the daily operations of each post in order to protect the environment, our personnel, and the public interest.
- USAG-AK will maintain and periodically verify compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulatory agreements and applicable Army regulations.
- USAG-AK will develop and implement effective methods to prevent pollution, conserve resources, reduce waste, and otherwise continually improve our environmental management practices.
- USAG-AK will continue to restore previously contaminated sites.
- USAG-AK will openly communicate this Policy and our environmental management practices to civilian and military personnel, contractors, tenants, and other interested parties.
- USAG-AK will implement training programs to ensure that civilian and military personnel and our contractors and tenants acquire and maintain the knowledge and skills required to fulfill their environmental responsibilities.
- USAG-AK will establish, periodically review, and provide funding for appropriately prioritized objectives and targets for environmental performance that minimize USARAK's environmental risks and otherwise fulfill the commitments of this policy.
- USAG-AK will conduct installation operations that are environmentally acceptable and enhance soldiers' and civilians' quality of life.
- USAG-AK will allocate resources and training to protect our environment.

This environmental policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure that our commitments are consistent with USAG-AK's operations, operational resources, and environmental mission.

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limitations on excavation of soil and use of groundwater. Unit Commanders and Contractor Managers contemplating excavation must first obtain a completed and signed Excavation Clearance Request through Public Works. Your failure to comply with these institutional controls can easily result in fines, penalties, and additional costs of corrective action for USAG-AK.

5. I expect every Commander and Director to take a personal interest in all aspects of EMS. We must achieve and maintain full compliance with all existing laws and regulations. Our goal is to enhance mission performance in a continual improvement process through excellence in environmental management.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna G. Boltz", is written over the printed name.

COL, MP

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Alaska